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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING THIN FILMS

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-3; 3 sheets) are attached.  
☐ Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☒ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/457,310 filed March 26, 2003.  
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)  
☒ This patent application is assigned to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.  
☒ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
 Priority of foreign application No. 2003-038767 filed February 17, 2003 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.  
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.  
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RATE	FEE
	\$ 385
x 9 =	\$
x 43 =	\$
+ 145 =	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

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